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New commander takes pilot seat at 6th Cavalry Brigade

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CAMP HUMPHREYS, REPUBLIC OF KOREA – Col. Peter W. Foreman assumed command of the 6th Cavalry Brigade June 25 during ceremonies at Camp Humphreys.

Foreman, most recently assigned as chief of the U.S. Southern Command Transnational Threats (J33) Division, takes over from Col. Ronald M. Buffkin, who has been transferred to the U.S. Army Futures Center.

The 6th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Brigade includes a headquarters troop, two Apache attack helicopter squadrons and the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (Patriot).

Foreman received the Blackhorse colors from 8th Army Commander Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell as Korean and American military personnel and guests watched at a ramp at the Camp Humphreys airfield.

In a speech following the passing the unit colors, Campbell applauded the brigade's accomplishments during Buffkin's command, including the fielding of an Apache Longbow attack helicopter squadron, the fielding of Patriot Enhanced Capability missiles by the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery and the redeployment of an AH-64A Apache squadron to the United States for

conversion to the advanced "D" model Apache Longbow, as well as maintaining a rigorous and disciplined training regimen.

Buffkin thanked Blackhorse Soldiers, pilots, Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers, civilian contractors, family members and others for their dedication and support.

"You are the best Soldiers in the greatest Army of the proudest nation on Earth," Buffkin told Blackhorse Soldiers. "I've been proud to serve in your ranks."

Foreman - who commanded the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade several years ago - also addressed the troops.

"It's great to be home again with you. Today, I'm going to make three unbreakable promises: one, my complete dedication; two, my steadfast loyalty; and three, that we will continue to sweat and train so that we don't bleed in battle," Foreman said. "I stand before you with a great deal of pride and honor to be your commander and I look forward to serving with you and meet the challenges that lie ahead. Blackhorse!"